

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 674
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Hubert "Booney"
Vance, Jr. of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Hubert "Booney" Vance, Jr. of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary Tennessean and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his friends and fellow citizens throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, this devoted educator knew firsthand the immense value of education, having earned an undergraduate degree from East Tennessee State University and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Vance served with acumen and alacrity as a professor at several universities, but his heart always remained true to his undergraduate alma mater; for the past several years, he had served ETSU and the Quillen College of Medicine as a professor in learning disorders and care of dementia disabled adults, earning high praise from his students and peers alike for the unsurpassed quality of his work and his character; and

WHEREAS, known throughout the profession as an innovator, Dr. Vance was a world-renowned scholar, leader, and speaker on childhood learning disorders and care of disabled adults; his expertise was exhibited through a remarkable number of journal articles, books, and speaking engagements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vance's legacy will continue to live for many years through the knowledge that he shared with his students and peers; this great man truly improved the world during his life, and his life was a gift to humanity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional endeavors, Dr. Vance also possessed a great love for athletic competition; he was a gifted athlete, having earned the Science Hill PlowBoy

Award in 1964, and attended the University of South Carolina and ETSU on football scholarships as a hard-nosed defensive back; and

WHEREAS, he was additionally a lifelong jogger and outstanding fisherman, having taught that craft to his two brothers, with whom he shared many great memories on the water, although he never allowed them to catch more fish than he did; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Dr. Vance was an active member of Sinking Creek Baptist Church, where he was an inspiration to many; he served his Lord and the congregation for many years as a deacon and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vance was also deeply dedicated to his family; he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order, and he cherished the loving companionship of his wife, Sandra Barlow Vance; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted father of two daughters, Megan Vance and Shannon Vance Harris, and a son-in-law, Paul Harris, and the proud and loving grandfather of two granddaughters, Olivia Vance and Sarah Vance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vance will be missed dearly by his daughters, son-in-law, and granddaughters, as well as his three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Penny Vance, Carroll and Michele Vance, and Donald and Theresa Vance, and countless other close friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hubert "Booney" Vance, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of accomplishment and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; he earned unfettered respect for the exemplary quality of his service to higher education, for his unsurpassed work ethic, and for his unquestionable integrity; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Hubert "Booney" Vance, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage

and conviction, and his estimable service to Tennessee as an educator and community leader of the utmost ability and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Vance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.